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SUBJECT: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO ANKARA

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1. ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI ARRIVED IN
ANKARA EVENING OF JUNE 26 FOR 24-HOUR VISIT WHICH
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INCLUDED PRESENTATION OF ITALIAN MEDAL OF MERIT TO PRESIDENT
KORUTURK, TALKS WITH FONMIN OKCUN AND A CALL ON PRIMIN
ECEVIT. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR GIANFRANCO
GIORGIOLO, THE VISIT WAS INTENDED AS ENTIRELY PROTOCOLARY
IN NATURE. BEFORE THE MORO KIDNAPPING INTERVENED, FORMER
PRESIDENT LEONE HAD PLANNED TO VISIT TURKEY TO CONFER
ORDER OF MERIT ON KORUTURK IN RECOGNITION OF TURKISH

PRESIDENT'S LONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN TURKISH-ITALIAN RELATIONS
STRETCHING BACK TO HIS DAYS AS NAVAL ATTACHE IN ROME
IN 1936.

2. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO GIORGOLO, TWO DAYS BEFORE
FORLANI'S ARRIVAL TURKISH SIDE HAD REQUESTED SUBSTANTIVE
TALKS. PRIMARY TURKISH INTEREST WAS ITALIAN HELP IN
RESCHEDULING STATE AND OFFICIALLY-GUARANTEED COMMERCIAL
DEBTS. THE TURKS ALSO ASKED FOR NEW CREDITS. TURKISH
PRESS REPORTS THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WAS REACHED ON
RESCHEDULING, BUT GIORGOLO INDICATED THAT FORLANI
HAD AVOIDED ANY COMMITMENTS. THE ITALIAN SIDE DID
AGREE TO A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF THE
PREVIOUSLY MORIBUND JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WHICH WAS
SET UP UNDER THE TURKISH-ITALIAN ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN AUGUST, 1976.

3. THOUGH GIORGOLO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN TALKS
WITH OKCUN AND ECEVIT, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT
QUESTION OF TURKISH POLITICAL CONSULTATION WITH EC
WAS NOT DISCUSSED. IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT
HE IS SIMPLY UNINFORMED ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF DISCUSSIONS.
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